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In re patent application of:) Art Unit: 2874
Benson Chan et al.) Examiner: Juliana K. Kang
Serial No.: 09/481,903) Date: April 2, 2002
Filed: January 12, 2000) Atty. Docket No.: EN999025
For: FIBER OPTIC CONNECTION AND)
METHOD USING THE SAME)

VERIFIED STATEMENT AND AFFIDAVIT

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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I, Benson Chan, being duly sworn, depose and state:

1. I am an applicant of the above-identified patent application and co-inventor of the subject matter described and claimed therein.

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2. In early 1998, we were assigned the particular problem of designing a structure to couple a 12 channel wide fiber optic cable to a 12 channel VCSEL (laser) transmitter and a 12 channel PAID receiver die. The structure or package was intended to attach (solder) directly to an end user card and have the cables plugged directly through the tail stock of the card.

3. In an Office Action dated August 6, 2001, Examiner Juliana Kang cited a reference against the instant application: United States Patent No. 6,071,016 for LIGHT RECEIVING MODULE FOR OPTICAL COMMUNICATION AND LIGHT RECEIVING UNIT THEREOF, issued June 6, 2000 to Ichino et al. and filed on March 4, 1998.

4. Be it known that I conceived and helped reduce to practice our instant invention prior to the issuance or filing dates of Ichino et al.

5. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false

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